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REMARKS.

With the first issue of this Curio, will be mailed, as far as they hold out, the remaining copies of the January, 1908, catalogue. As some of the coins contained therein have been sold orders will be subject to the items being still in stock.

NUMISMATIC SHORTS.

The catalogues of two large New York auction sales, in May and June, are now in preparation. The first includes, among other consignments, a \$2,500 collection of choice U. S. coins. The second will consist of Part II. of the Appleton collection, comprising the ancient series, coins of Central Europe, etc. A fine U. S. series will be added to this.

A recent inquiry was made for one of those new \$20 without "God bless our home."

An 1861 D. mint gold dollar, with the D skillfully soldered on, is reported as emanating from Washington, D. C.

Keep your eye open if offered a plated copper Stella in a watch charm with crystal sides which the owner is offering as a gold specimen.

Don't buy the so-called Franklin cents from New Haven dies. These dies were found in a hardware store in that city some years ago and the pieces sold were struck from them. They do not closely resemble the genuine.

Fake fractional California gold of old type and dated 1857 is being pushed in some quarters. Don't invest.

Some strange assertions are frequently made in catalogues. Referring to the 1793 cent, Crosby 8-F, in a recent sale, the cataloguer, while quoting Crosby, says "but one other known" when Crosby distinctly mentions four, two of which he owned personally, the Phelps and Dr. Hall's being the others. Another was shown at the sale by a Conn. collector who bought it in 1902 at a sale of the same cataloguer who asserted "but one other known," making 5, at least, in existence. There is no authority either for the statement that all the known "clover leaf" 1793 cents are poor as Dr. Hall's, from the Parmelee collection, is a pretty decent specimen.

1794 HALF CENTS.

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With the close attention paid to the dies of the 1794 Cents, it is strange that the Half Cents of same date have been neglected. Frossard in his Monograph, published in 1879, seems to have been the only person to list them with accompanying plate of the 5 obverses but only one reverse.

Pending a more elaborate list, with illustrations, the following may interest collectors. There are 5 obverses and 5 reverses combining to make 8 varieties that I have met with. Any additional dies or combinations I would be pleased to see and note. Another combination is on one list, I understand, but probably in error.

No. 1. The distinguishing feature of this die is the high relief of the hair. The 4 nearly touches bust; the 1 is directly below where the hair meets neck but not very near it and the 9 is slightly higher than 7 and 4. Found with reverses A and B.

Rev. A. A pair of leaves meets another pair at top of wreath; the left ribbon end curves inward and points at 2 and right end curves outward close to 0; "Half" and "Cent" are wide apart and a dot nearly central between them.

Rev. B. Two leaves, close together, meet a single leaf but do not touch it; "Half" and "Cent" close; a dot between E and N near top of N; die break through E of "United;" ribbon ends short.

No. 2. On this and those following the head is flatter than in No. 1. Date closer to head than on the other varieties; 4 near bust and 1, well under hair, is nearer to it than any other, 9 of date low. With Rev. C.

Rev. C. Two leaves, close together, touch single leaf at top. Center dot is over N. Ribbon ends long and wide apart.

No. 3. The date is very compact, the 4 near bust but, as the whole date is near the milling, the 1 is far from the head. With Rev. A.

No. 4. Date slightly wider than previous numbers, 79 being near together, and is well placed with 1 and 4 equally distant from hair and bust. With Rev. B-C-D.

Rev. D. This reverse bears a remarkable resemblance to Rev. A and, at first examination, was supposed to be identical. Closer scrutiny indicates minor differences that are difficult to describe but show, apparently, another die. The leaves of wreath are better defined than on Rev. A where they overlap in some places.

No. 5. The date is wide and evenly spaced; the head is high and date being near milling leaves a considerable field between.

Rev. E. This also closely resembles Rev. A but not as nearly as Rev. D. While there are other minor differences, the chief is a perpendicular leaf under C of C E N T which barely escapes touching it and which has an attached berry without stem near its top.

COINS, MEDALS, ETC.

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AMERICAN MEDALS.

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To prevent repetition, it is understood that all the following medals are perfect and unworn, unless otherwise described.

The numbers following descriptions are the sizes in American scale of sixteenths of an inch in diameter.

PEACE MEDALS.

1757. Bust of Geo. II.; rev., man and Indian with pipe of peace seated before a fire. Bronze. 28. Restrike from original die, now destroyed. .75.
1781. Battle of Doggersbank. Holland with spear; lion with thunderbolt, etc. August 5, 1781. Rev., seven wreaths with names of Dutch Admirals. Silver. 28. 3.50.
1781. Netherlands. 4 shields linked, "Gewapende Neutraliteit;" rev., "Jehovah," etc., in ten lines. Silver. 20. 1.25.

WASHINGTON MEDALS.

- Bust to left; George Washington, by F. B. Smith & Hartman, N. Y.; rev., tomb of Washington; above, Fame flying. Bronze. Rare. 41. 2.50.
- Bust. "We Serve the Tyrant Alcohol no longer." Temperance token by Bale. Silver. 12. Pierced. 1.00.

Similar medal, but from other dies, "Bale" under head. Enclosed in gold, which covers entire legends on both sides. On this is engraved "Washington Temperance Benevolence Society," and on the reverse, that portion of legend that is covered. Gold ring attached. The gold is worth several dollars. 5.00.

Bust to right. By Wyon. Bronze. Fine. 20. .75.

Westwood medal. Bust to right; rev., "Made commander-in-chief," etc. Bronze. 26. 2.00.

Bust; rev., sword and fasces on altar. The Halliday medal. Silver. 26. 1.50. Bronze. .75.

"Voltaire" medal. So-called because features resemble Voltaire. Bronze. 25. 2.50.

Massamore's restrikes of the rare Washington with reverse of crossed swords and cannon balls. Silver, copper, brass. 22. Affidavit of number struck, 64, goes with lot. Set, 3.50.

Bust; reverses, the different battles of 1776. Large head. Set of 8 pieces. 22. Silver. 5.00. Bronze. 2.50. Tin. 1.50.

Bust to left by Du Vivier. Rev., Washington before Boston. Bronze. 44. 1.50.

Bust. Oath of allegiance. 1861. Silver. 20. .75.

Bust to right. Lancaster Co. Agri. Soc. Rev., farm implements. Silver. 30. 2.00.

Bust in wreath, two cherubs holding crown of stars. The Copenhagen medal for 1876 Centennial. Bronze. 34. .75. W. m. .35.

Bust to right; rev., unfinished monument. Silver. 26. 1.25.

Same. Copper, bronze and white metal. Shaft plain, blocks not showing. Lot, 1.25.

Similar set, but the marble blocks marked. Lot, 1.25.

Large bust. 1776. Rev., Liberty on keystone. 1876. Copper, brass and white metal. 24. Lot, 1.25.

Bust; rev., "Dedicated to Children of America." Bronze and w. m. 22. Pair, .40.

Yorktown Centennial. 1881. Rev., view of the surrender. Bronze. Very thick. 32. 1.25.

New York Centennial of first inauguration, Apr. 30, 1789. Rev., sun in chain, with names of stars on links. Very pretty. Bronze. 34. 1.25.

- Same Centennial. Bust ; rev., taking oath of office. White metal.
 32. .50.
- Same Centennial. Bust to left on 5-pointed star pendant from
 bor, with shields on each end marked 1789-1889. 33. Tri-
 colored ribbon. .75.
- Maltese cross. Memorial Hall, 1876, bust of Washington below.
 Brass. 32. .50.
- Mint Cabinet Medal. Bronze. 38. .75.
- Bust to left by Wright. Rev., "Signing the Declaration of Inde-
 pendence. Fine electrotype (filled shells). 58. 1.00.
- Bust ; rev., various headquarters. Complete set of 10. Cop-
 per. 2.00.
- Bust ; rev., House of Temperance. Bronze. 27. .50.
- Head in wreath. "He is in glory, the world in tears." Rev.,
 funeral urn, G. W. on it. Silver, very good. Pierced at top,
 as all are. 2.50.
- Bust to right by Lovett; rev., dates of birth and death. Bronze.
 33. 1.25.
- Washington and Lincoln. Gold. 12. 4.00.
- Washington. A nice collection in silver (9), bronze and copper
 (79), brass (21), white metal (44). All different, though a few
 are metal varieties. Small to size 34. Includes some that
 are rare; among the lot is a silver with Lord's Prayer, some
 nice bronze medals (Declaration of Independence, New York
 Evacuation, the Halliday, etc.). 154 medals. 20.00.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS.

- Thos. Jefferson. Peace medal. Bronze. 48. 1.25.
- J. Q. Adams. Peace medal. Bronze. 40. 1.00.
- Jackson. Mint medal. Gold. 12. 4.00.
- Taylor. Battle of Buena Vista, Mexico. Rev., view of the bat-
 tle, enclosed by two snakes. Bronze. 56. 2.00.
- Lincoln. 1865. Bust. Rev., broken column. 32. W.m. .50.
- Lincoln ; Garfield. Gold. 12. 4.00.
- Lincoln ; Garfield. Silver. 16. .50.
- Grant. President. W. m. 32. .25.
- Grant. Military bust by Paquet, 1863. Rev., female with shield
 inscribed DONELSON, seated on arch over war trophy ; views

of Vicksburg and Chattanooga in background ; four steamers sailing on Mississippi river on surrounding circle ; rare, bronze, size 64, the largest size of medals. 5.00.

MISCELLANEOUS AMERICAN MEDALS.

John Egar Howard. For Cowpens. Bronze. 28. 1.00.

Declaration of Independence Plaque. In the centre is the scene of the signing, and around it in sharp relief is the entire Declaration with fac-similes of the signatures of the Signers. Copper. 7x7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Neatly framed and with supporting back. 7.50.

Franklin and Montyon. Bronze. 27. .75.

Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania. 1824. Bust. 33. Silver. (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.). 1.75. Bronze. .75.

Franklin, by Dupre; rev., "Eripuit Cœlo," etc. Bronze. 29. .75.

Franklin. Fine bust to right. Oval. Size 12x16. Iron. 1.00.

Lafayette, by Counois; rev., "Appelé partie volu unanime," etc. Silver. 32. Weight 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Av. 3.00. Same, bronze. 1.25.

Lafayette. Rev., "The Defender of American and French Liberty." Bronze. 30. 1.00.

Lafayette. Bust to left; rev., description of his life in French. Copper. 27. .50.

Lafayette. By J. Bale. Bust; rev., blank. Bronze. 32. Rare. 1.00.

Andre. Rev., old Dutch church at Tappan, wheré he was tried. Bronze. 22. .50.

Monument for Capture of Andre. Bronze. 22. .50.

Saratoga Monument. Bronze. 22. .50.

Stony Point Centennial. Bust of Anthony Wayne. Bronze. 22. .50.

Centennial of Vermont as a State, 1891; Bennington Battle Monument. Bronze. 24. Ribbon and bar, "Bennington." 1.00.

Centennial of Battle of Groton Heights and Burning of New London, 1781. Bronze. 25. .75.

Declaration of Independence. Bronze. 27. .50.

Baron Steuben. Bust; rev., dates of birth and death. Bronze. 33. 1.00.

- Winfield Scott. 1847. Mexican War. Rev., minutely engraved views of 7 battles. Bronze. 56. 2.00.
- Winfield Scott. Mexican War. Bust above tablet. Rev., column, Mexican scenery in background. Handsome medal presented by Virginia. Bronze. 56. 2.00.
- Duncan N. Ingraham. For gallant and judicious conduct on July 2, 1853. View of Smyrna, American sloop, St. Louis, and Austrian brig Hussar. Bronze. 64. 1.75.
- Henry Clay; rev., hand on rock, inscribed, "Constitution." Bronze. 48. 2.00.
- Crighton, Low and Stauffer. From Philadelphia for rescuing passengers of Str. San Francisco. Bronze. 48. 1.00.
- Shipwreck Medal. Sailor rescuing youth; rev., U. S. Seal. Bronze. 43. .75.
- Washington Irving; rev., date of birth. Silver. 44. 5.00.
- A. Thiers, from Philadelphia. 1873. Bronze. 20. .75.
- Cyrus W. Field. Bust over steamers in mid-ocean; rev., Resolution of Congress, 1867. Aluminum. 64. 5.00.
- Cyrus W. Field, for Atlantic Cable. Bronze. 32. .65. W. m. .25.
1846. Salem Charitable Mech. Assoc. Hercules has just killed a winged dragon; boys picking apples from an impossible tree. 28. Bronze. .75.
- Portsmouth, Va., Yellow Fever Medal. This is the medal issued about 1855, that has a curious flag usually catalogued as a C. S. A. flag. Bronze. 40. 1.50.
- Maj. Gen'l Geo. G. Meade. The Union League of Philadelphia Medal. 1866. Bronze. 51. 2.50.
- Dr. Kane, Arctic scene below; rev., Masonic emblems. Bronze. 32. 1.50.
- Henry Clay. Ugly head to left; rev., "Henry Clay, the People's Choice" on raised edge surrounding seashore scene with factories and ship, 1844. Very rare. Good, but seems to have been in fire. .75.
- Henry Clay. Bust to right. Baltimore Convention, May, 1844. Bronze. 24. .50.
- W. L. Herndon. 1858. View of sinking ship. Presented to his widow as a mark of respect by Virginia. Silver. 36. Excessively rare. 15.00.

- Erie Canal Medal. 1825. Neptune and satyr. "Union of Erie with the Atlantic." White metal. 52. 5.00.
- Erie Canal. 1820. Original presentation medal by City of New York. White metal. 28. In box made from wood brought from Erie in the first canal boat, "Seneca Chief." 3.00.
1883. Masonic Triennial Conclave at San Francisco. Gold. 8. 1.50.
- Porcellian Club. Harvard College. Heart-shaped engraved badge. "Porcellian Club Instituted 1791;" rev., clasped hands. 19x22. 1.50.
- W. H. Seward. Ebonized wood plaque. 74. 1.00.
- "Kearny Cross" on scroll in centre of Maltese cross, size 27x27; reverse, "Birney's Division." Bronze with ribbon between two suspenders attached by ring. 5.00.
- Phila. Kennel Club. 1879. Magnificent design of dog head. Bronze, in case. 32. 1.00.
- Lexington Centennial, 1775-1875. Bronze, copper, white metal, brass; last pierced on top. 25. Lot, 1.00.
- Cowpens Centennial, 1781-1881. Soldier. Set of silver, bronze, copper, w. m. 16. Lot, 1.25.
- Pilgrims' Jubilee. 1620-1870. Landing at Plymouth Rock. Copper. 24. .50.
- Phila. Fire Department. 1882. Finely designed fire engine, etc. Bronze. 33. .50.
- Haverford College. 26. Bronze, w. m. Pair, .35.
- Dan'l Webster. Square plaque. 26x36. .75.
- H. R. Linderman. Director, Mint. Bronze. 50. 1.00.
- Daniel M. Fox. Sup't, Mint. Bronze. 48. 1.00.
- Oliver C. Bosbyshell. Sup't, Mint. Bronze. 48. 1.00.
- Cornelius Vanderbilt. Medal by Congress. Bronze. 48. 1.00.
- Humane Society of Mass. Awarded to Sam'l F. Newcomb for saving lives, Provinceton, 1882. Silver. 40. 3½ oz. 3.00.
- Benj. Rush, M. D., Phila. 1808. Bronze. 27. Very fine. Rare. 2.00.
- Lord and Lady Baltimore. Busts on opposite sides. Silver shells joined together. 28. Two medals. Pair, 3.00.
- Silver Medal (size 26), presented to W. Fields, New York, June 12, 1869. Engraved with names of presenters, obverse surrounded by raised gold wreath, silver bar and ribbon attached. 5.00.

- Knights of Proteus. Silver medal, shield shape, surmounted by Chinaman, crossed swords behind, K. O. P. in gold monogram. Engraved: "Proteus, 1885, Gin. Hoang." 3.00.
- Franklin. Bronze plaque. Outline. $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ inches. 2.50.
- Dan'l Webster. Bronze plaque. Outline. $6\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 5.00.
- Agricultural Society Medals of various States. Penn'a, 1851. 42; Mich., 36; Ohio, 32; New York, 34; Maryland, 32; Conn., 32; Mass., 33; Miss., 28 (handsome eagle); Maine, 28, etc. All bronze proofs but Illinois. Handsome designs. 14 pcs. Lot, 35.0.
- New England Agri. Soc. Beautiful design of horse, bull, sheep, hog, duck, chickens, etc. Bronze. 39. 1.25. 31. .75.

COLUMBUS MEDALS.

- Official medal of the Committee of 100, New York. Head of Columbus around which the three caravels are sailing. Bronze. 39. 1.50.
- The Large Genoa Medal. Bust; rev., Exposition, 1892, buildings, open sea behind. Very handsome. Aluminum. 56. 2.00.
- The small Genoa Medal. Aluminum. 23. .50.
- Christesen Copenhagen Medal. Columbus in stern of vessel; rev., tablet above World's Fair buildings. White metal. 42. 1.00.
- Bust with scroll; rev., World's Fair. Olive bronze. Handsome. 32. 1.00.
- Bust by Lea Alborn. Rev., Columbus landing, holds sword and flags, Indians to right. Bronze. 32. 1.50.
- Bust, Indian and European females clasping hands above. Rev., group of Indians at sunrise viewing Chicago and World's Fair in distance, allegorical figures in air. Beautifully designed by Johnson of Milan. Bronze, silvered (before striking). 65. 5.00. Same design. Olive bronze. 38. 1.50.
- Bust by H. Zearing. Rev., caravel. Olive bronze. 30. 1.00.
- Massonnet (Paris) Columbus Medal, with bird's-eye view of the Exposition on reverse. Bronze. 33. 1.00.
- Columbus. Aluminum World's Fair Medals. 22 to 28. Different (4). Lot, 1.00.

1776-1876 CENTENNIAL MEDALS.

The Centennial Award Medal, that granted to exhibitors. Seated female holding olive branch, four smaller designs and 38 stars surrounding; rev., "Awarded by Centennial Commission." As these Award Medals are highly prized by the few who received them, scarcely any have been sold, and they are extremely rare. 48. 5.00.

Centennial Commission Medal. 36. Each in case. Brass. 40. W. m. .35.

Same. Smaller, size 24. Each in case. Silver. 1.25. Bronze. .50. Brass. .35.

Centennial Commission Medals. Copper and white metal, size 36; copper and silver, size 24. In large 6 in. square, velvet lined, morocco case. 3.00.

Similar set, but bronze in place of copper, similar case. 3.50.

French Centennial. Beautiful head of Liberty; rev., crossed flags. Exceeds anything issued in U. S. Bronze. 32. 1.50.

Nevada Centennial Medal, erroneously called "Nevada" dollar. Soldiers guarding Liberty Bell; rev., landscape scene. Rare. Silver. 24. 2.50.

Main Building, Art Gallery, Horticultural Hall; rev., inscription. Silver. 27. 3 pcs. Lot, 2.50.

Independence Hall; rev., Liberty on keystone, "Free and United States." Silver. 24. 1.00.

Same obverse; rev., blank except fancy border. Silver. .75.

Centennial fountain; rev., fancy border only. Silver. 24. .75.

Revolutionary soldiers, "American Colonies, 1776;" rev., Liberty on keystone, "Free and United States, 1876." Silver, copper, brass and w. m. 24. 4 pcs. 1.75.

Independence Hall. End view with two trees. Rev., small Liberty Bell. Silver, bronze, golden bronze, brass, w. m. 24. 5 pcs. 2.00.

Independence Hall. Central portion. Rev., large Liberty Bell. Silver, copper, brass, w. m. 24. 4 pcs. 1.50.

Centennial. Wooden Medals. Oblong. $2\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ inches. Set of the five different buildings. 1.00.

MISCELLANEOUS COINS.

1795. Half Eagle. From a charm, loop removed. Worn and slightly eroded, still fair. 7.50.
1854. Cal. Gold Dollar. 10 stars. Octagonal. F.D. at bottom of reverse. Semi-proof. 6.50.
1848. Quarter. Uncirculated, or practically so. Rare thus. 2.50.
1859. Dime. S. Mint. Fine, rare. 1.50.
- Cents.** 1794. Hays 21. Fine, olive-brown. 4.00.
1794. Hays 49. Nearly fine, dark. Rare. 3.00.
1796. Liberty Cap. Double strike in upset; bust end and date above head and as strongly struck as first impression. Mixed legends on reverse. Very good, except small hole in center. 2.50.
1798. Large date. Reverse has a curved die crack changing E of United into H. Shows but trifling circulation. Light olive. 7.50.
1798. Large date, a trifle wider than last; line die crack from eye to milling. Rev., perfect. Extremely fine; light steel color. 5.00.
1798. Small date. Edge die-break to left of Liberty. Extremely fine. Light olive. 6.00.
1808. So-called 12 star variety, though the defective star shows faintly as on all choice specimens. Uncirculated. Light olive. 17.50.
1814. Plain 4. Double chin (die-break). Nearly uncirculated. Glossy chocolate color. 4.50.
1855. Slanting 55. Uncirculated. Glossy light olive. 1.50.
- Pattern 50 Cents. 1859. Head to right; "50 cents" in wreath. Silver proof. 3.00.
- Hard Times Token. Low 27. Head type. One of rarest of the series. Extremely fine. 20.00.
- Brunswick. 1620. Wild man crown. Fine, loop attached. 2.75.
- Bennin Ring Money. Form of bracelet. About 5 inches. Bronze. Very good. 3.00.
- Oriental Copper Dumps. India, Persia, etc. Mostly thick and about size 14. A number are fine. 48 pcs. 5.00.